

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

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1. (Currently Amended)

A toner for developing an electrostatic image comprising toner particles and metal oxide particles,

wherein the toner particles comprises a first resin and a colorant, and the metal oxide particles have a domain-matrix structure comprising a domain and a matrix.

2. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain comprises titanium oxide and the matrix comprises silica.

3. (Currently Amended)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain comprises ~~titanium oxide~~ zirconium oxide or aluminum oxide and the matrix comprises silica.

4. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the domain and the metal oxide particles are substantially spherical.

5. (Currently Amended)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.05-0.4, wherein A is ~~an~~ a number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is ~~an~~ a number-based average diameter of ~~primary particles of~~ the domain.

6. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a number average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles is 20-300 nm and a number average FERE horizontal diameter of the domain is 1-60 nm.

7. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio (Y/X) is 0.1-0.6, wherein X is a weight of the metal oxide particles and Y is a weight of the domain.

8. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a moisture content of the metal oxide particles is at most 2 percent by weight.

9. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a ratio of toner particles without corners is at least 50 percent by number based on the

toner particles and a number variation coefficient of a number particle size distribution is at most 27 percent..

10. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the toner particles have a covering layer comprising a second resin whose composition is different from the composition of the first resin.

11. (Original)

The toner of claim 1, wherein a surface of the toner particle is modified with a third resin whose composition is different from a composition of the first resin.

12. (Original)

A two-component developing agent comprising the toner of claim 1 and carrier.

13. (New)

The toner of claim 1 wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.02 - 0.4,
wherein A is number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is a number-based average diameter of the domain.

14. (New)

The toner of claim 13, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.06 - 0.2.

15. (New)

The toner of claim 4, wherein a ratio (B/A) is 0.05 - 0.4,
wherein A is a number-based average diameter of primary particles of the metal oxide particles and B is a number-based average diameter of the domain; and

a number-average diameter of primary particles of primary particles of the metal oxide particles is 20 - 300 nm and a number average FERE horizontal diameter of the domain is 1 - 60 nm.

16. (New)

The toner of claim 1, wherein the metal oxide particles are an external additive.